

South Waterfront Greenway Construction Update September 10, 2014

Construction

The irrigation system is nearing completion, and the electricians will soon begin installing wiring and lighting. Much of the upper terrace paving is ready, and the lower layer of the asphalt bike path is in place. At the north end of the site, the first of the Lawn Shelves are going in. The contractor will soon begin placing topsoil for the lawn and plant beds, and is beginning work on the river overlooks. Planting work is also scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

Below is a recent photo from the site:



Looking north from near Curry Street. L-to-R: the concrete Upper Terraces, then the asphalt bike path, the concrete pedestrian path, and the riparian vegetation growing on the reconstructed riverbank.

As a reminder, Phase 2 construction work includes: grading the site; building a new retaining wall west of the Swale; building the river overlooks; paving the dual system paths and small plazas; installing irrigation and planting; and installing the public art.

Schedule

PP&R expects to complete construction in November 2014. The lawn will be seeded during the fall and will be left to grow and get established through Spring 2015. As the lawn is establishing,



PP&R will be able to provide access to the ramp leading down to the river at SW Whitaker. We expect the lawns to be sturdy enough to withstand public use in the Spring 2015.

Work Hours

Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm with possible work on Saturdays.

The Portland Parks & Recreation website – www.portlandparks.org is the place to go for accurate and up to date information on the progress of the project. We know that construction is inconvenient, messy and sometimes dangerous. By providing accurate and timely information, we will do our best to let you know what to expect.

Please let me know if you have any questions, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, 503-823-5113 or Elizabeth.kennedy-wong@portlandoregon.gov